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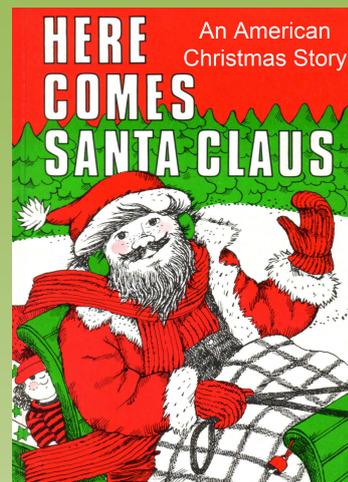
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You know that Santa Claus brings lots of nice things to all the good boys and girls in America. He comes with a big sleigh full of presents. Nine reindeer pull his sleigh through the air over houses and trees when he visits the children in the night between December 24th and December 25th. Here is a story that all children in America like very much. It's about Santa and his reindeer.

Santa Claus lives near the North Pole in an area called Toyland. There Santa has a big toy factory, where all the big toys for the children are made. Of course, Santa can't make all the toys himself. He has got many little helpers who are called elves. So he tells them what sort of presents he needs for every boy and girl. Outside Toyland there live many reindeer. They are strong animals with tall antlers on their heads.

But one of the reindeer often looks very unhappy. He isn't strong like the other reindeer and he only has little stubs on his head, And, worst of all, he has a bright red nose that shines in the dark like a red lamp.

Poor Rudolf is so ashamed of himself that he often cries. Very often the other reindeer kick snow into his face, laugh at him and shout: "Go and play with the rabbits, Rudolf!" or "Ha, ha, ha! Look, here comes Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer!"

Every year in December, when all the toys are finished, two elves put up a poster at the gate to Toyland. It reads:

**SANTA CLAUS IS CHOOSING
REINDEER FOR HIS SLEIGH
THIS AFTERNOON
AT 3 o'CLOCK**

It is a great honour for a reindeer to pull Santa's sleigh. Soon they stand in a long line at the gate of Toyland.





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